

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/654,484

Examiner

Daniel Lai

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 27November 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Michael Cammarata on 31 December 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 9-11.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior arts of record fail to teach a communication terminal that is connected to a public line network to communicate with a center apparatus connected to the public line network to send and receive short message data to/from another communication terminal via the center apparatus, the communication terminal comprising a master unit, and a slave unit operatively connected to said master unit performing mutual wireless communications with the master unit, the slave unit including a slave input device inputting short message data wherein the slave unit sending the

short message data inputted with the slave input device and receiving short message data from the master unit over wireless communications, the master unit including a master input device inputting short message data and a master communicating device that is connected to a public line network, sending and receiving short message data to/from the center apparatus, wherein the master communicating device sending short message data received by the master communicating device to the slave unit and receiving short message data from the slave unit, a storing device storing a plurality types of communication protocol information, each of which corresponds to a center apparatus, to be used to communicate with the master communication device, a selecting device selecting a center apparatus to be communicated with among the center apparatus whose communication protocol information is stored, based on a predetermined condition, and a controlling device controlling the master communicating device so as to send short message data inputted with the master unit input device or short message data received by the master communicating device to the center apparatus when sending the short message data, and to receive short message data from the center apparatus when receiving the short message data based on the communication protocol information of the center apparatus selected by the selecting device, and determining whether or not the short message data received from the center apparatus is addressed to the slave unit, and when the short message data is determined as being addressed to the slave unit, controlling the master communicating device so as to send the received short message data to the slave unit.

Moran et al. (US 2002/0086689 A1, hereinafter Moran) discloses a communication system that is connected to a public line network to communicate with a center apparatus connected to the public line network to send and receive short message data to/from another

communication terminal via the center apparatus, the communication system comprising a master unit and a slave unit operatively connected to said master unit performing mutual wireless communications with the master unit, the slave unit including a slave input device inputting short message data, wherein data inputted with the slave input device and receiving short message data from the master unit over wireless communications, the master unit including a master input device inputting short message data, and to a public line network sending and receiving short message to/from the center apparatus, wherein the master communicating device sending short message data received by the master communicating device to the slave unit and receiving short message data from the slave unit and a storing device storing a plurality types of communication protocol information, each of which corresponds to a center apparatus, to be used to communicate with the master communication device.

Therefore, Moran discloses a system that is connected to a public line network to communicate with a center apparatus connected to the public line network to send and receive short message data to/from another communication terminal via the center apparatus, however, fails to teach a terminal apparatus comprising a master unit and a slave unit. Moran further fails to teach a selecting device selecting a center apparatus to be communicated with among the center apparatus whose communication protocol information is stored, based on a predetermined condition, and a controlling device controlling the master communicating device so as to send short message data inputted with the master unit input device or short message data received by the master communicating device to the center apparatus when sending the short message data, and to receive short message data from the center apparatus when receiving the short message data based on the communication protocol information of the center apparatus selected by the

selecting device, and determining whether or not the short message data received from the center apparatus is addressed to the slave unit, and when the short message data is determined as being addressed to the slave unit, controlling the master communicating device so as to send the received short message data to the slave unit.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel Lai whose telephone number is (571) 270-1208. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Corsaro can be reached on (571) 272-7876. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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